



FLAG PRESENTATION . . . Receiving a flag which flew over the state capital for the new office of the Department of Motor Vehicles at 1907 Abalone St., are (from left) State Senator Ralph C. Dills, office manager Marvin Utter, Torrance Princess Marcia Reich, Mayor Albert Isen, and Chamber of Commerce President Larry Bowman. The expanded office, dedicated Saturday, will provide 50 per cent more office space. (Press-Herald Photo)

New Motor Vehicle Office Open Here

The new Torrance branch of the Department of Motor Vehicles was dedicated Saturday with state representatives and local officials in attendance.

Completion of the structure at 1907 Abalone Ave. adds 50 per cent larger facilities to the department's Torrance branch. It includes 22 counter windows and parking for 71 vehicles.

Attending dedication ceremonies were State Senator Ralph C. Dills (D-32nd Dist.), Assemblyman L. E. Town-

send (D-67th Dist.) and Vincent Thomas (D-68th Dist.). Local officials included Torrance Mayor Albert Isen and Chamber of Commerce President Larry Bowman.

Representing the department, state director Verne Orr and branch manager Marvin Utter aided in opening the office.

The office is open for service, staffed with 22 employees under Utter's supervision.

During the ceremony, Torrance Princess Marcia Reich was presented a flag for the new branch, which has flown over the state capital.

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. . . Land Values Jump

(Continued from A-1) ning meeting of the City Council when he suggested a 5-cent cut.

Isen held out for the dime cut, saying Torrance should be a trailblazer in the matter.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro protested any hasty cuts, saying the city had cut heavily into some departments to balance the budget proposal, and that some consideration should be given to accelerating capital improvements.

Councilmen generally agreed that a cut in the budget was in the offing, but left until next week a decision on the amount.

School officials will prepare projections for the Board of Education when it meets next Monday. The board still has not resolved the issue of teacher's salaries and has devoted little or no time to discussions of the school tax rate.

Dr. Mattox said the current general fund tax rate — \$3.0171 per \$100 assessed valuation — will produce about \$800,000 in new monies. Teachers and school administrators have been pushing a salary package which would cost about \$960,000.

One tentative budget prepared for the school board includes a provision for a 20-cent hike in the tax rate — a move which would produce about \$720,000.

County officials have indicated the increases in assessments — which averages 7.71 per cent — will enable supervisors to hold a proposed tax hike to about 5 cents. A 15-cent hike had been contemplated.

Whatever the result of the final budgets, Torrance taxpayers almost certainly face increased tax bills this fall.

While personal business property was up in the city, a spokesman for Assessor Watson's office told the Press-

Herald, much of the increase is the result of a "general up-dating throughout the city."

Values of real property in Torrance are "generally up" and are reflected in the assessments. Some specific areas where changes were made, it was reported, involve the new Douglas Aircraft Co. facility here, the Del Amo Center, and the Mobile Oil refinery.

Individual notices of any assessment change — up or down — will be mailed to taxpayers beginning Aug. 7, Watson said. In addition, all changes will be published in community newspapers — including the Press-Herald — in August.

He urged property owners who have questions to contact his regional office and discuss the matter with an appraiser.

. . . Crusade

(Continued from Page 1) local needs on a volunteer basis . . . with time and money given freely to help those less fortunate," declared Sprague. "We must stand on our two feet and resolve our problems."

ACTIVE IN A number of civic projects, Sprague is a member of the Dominguez Chambers of Commerce, Rotary International, and Elks Club, F and AM and the Church of Religious Science. He formerly served as special enrollment chairman for Boy Scouts, a United Way agency.

The new vice chairman's chief interest is in youth programs.

. . . Pueblo

(Continued from A-1) would be less chance of trouble. The ball park in the area would be a great step forward and a good gesture for establishing good relations with the company, he commented.

"This would be a terrific head start to show that these people are not forgotten," Capriotti said.

AMERICAN-Standard was approached for the proposition after members of the Pueblo Community Club went to the Parks Commission for city support. During a meeting, the Parks Commission said it would build the park and arrange for liability insurance for American-Standard's property.

A similar request for land last year, the Pueblo Club reported, was turned down by the company in New York.

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. . . Pilots

(Continued from Page 1) Charlene Taylor, both from the San Francisco area. They arrived at 1:45 p.m.

A SAN Pedro pilot, Margaret Callaway, reported in Amarillo, Tex., earlier today, is in second place in the unofficial standings. A Texan, Pauline Glasson, is in third place.

The early leader, Fran Bera, is reported grounded in Ohio because of bad weather.

Mrs. Mary Pinkney and her co-pilot, Pert Avis, were disqualified when they were blown off course and came down at an undesignated airport in Ohio Tuesday. Mrs. Pinkney is the only Torrance pilot entered in the event.

Teen Club Formed at Rec Center

Special activities are being planned for high school teenagers in North Redondo by the Redondo Beach Recreation Department.

A teen club is being formed at the Lincoln Building, corner of Ernest and Vail, and its activities will include dances, sports and excursions such as to Disneyland, to see top-name entertainers.

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